

Testimony in Strong Opposition to HB1226 GMO Preemption
Hawaii State Legislature Session 2009

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I strongly urge opposition to H.B. 1226. This bill endangers the residents of Hawaii by denying adequate oversight in regard to GMO agricultural practices within our state.

By supporting such a bill, the State of Hawaii legislature needs to recognize the potential liabilities that could exist against the State by taking such a gamble in regard to safety and contamination issues associated with GMO Farming.

To date only one test has been conducted in regard to human tolerance of genetically engineered foods, however, many laboratory tests using mice and rats have been conducted revealing everything from kidney damage to toxic allergic reactions. Field examinations have further revealed cows, pigs, deer and other animals to have displayed the same types of reactions to genetically engineered food.

In the 1980's a GMO food supplement L- tryptophan killed 100 people and caused over 5,000 people to become ill or disabled. More recently in the Philippines over 100 people who lived in the proximity of a GMO corn field developed serious skin, respiratory and intestinal reactions during the pollination season. The following year four more nearby villages showed the same types of reactions during pollination season.

In regard to gene mutation, the introduction of foreign DNA creates massive collateral damage, causing mutations in hundreds or even thousands of locations throughout a plant's DNA structure. The chain reaction of the imposed DNA alteration is totally unstable and unpredictable, the consequences of which are still scientifically unknown.

Furthermore, the consequences from genetic contamination remain a serious issue. For papaya farmers

on the Big Island, GMO contamination has brought financial hardship with exports to countries like Japan and Korea being refused because of GMO contamination. A 2004 test by Genetic ID, one of the world's leading scientific laboratories for genetic contamination testing, demonstrated just how easy transgenic contamination is. This particular test demonstrated a result of 20,000 seeds submitted by non-GMO farms from across the Big Island in which 50% of the seed showed positive to GMO contamination. Despite this type of financial imposition upon non-GMO farmers, there remain no legal protections for farmers hurt by GMO contamination.

In conclusion, the reluctance of biotech corporations to test or label their products or to give public notice of their activities, demonstrates a complete disregard for the well being of the public. Local government accountability and informed public consent is essential in protecting our population and in protecting our natural resources.

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Please oppose SB 1226.

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Given the large amount of GM currently in our food supply and irresponsible lack of labeling, it is hard to avoid already. We are asking please that you do not change the genetic code for taro. Please look beyond billion dollar industries and their money hungry need for profits. Let us please approach this with the precautionary principle.

As a scientist I am concerned that the science that proclaims "safe" on these modifications to genetic codes are not completed with a robust design and I am deeply concerned that we may be interpreting things wrong. Genetic Modification to organisms and the crossing of Kingdoms of life defies the very essence of our existence, whether you believe in creation or evolution, this goes against the very structure of life. In fact throughout the natural world, there are a great deal of ways in which our environment prevents this from happening. There may be a reason for this that we are unaware of.

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Please on behalf of myself, my ohana and much of my community,

PLEASE Oppose HB1226

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I believe that it will cause great conflict throughout Hawai'i.

If passed, people may be fighting this measure for generations to come.

This is simply not the spirit of peace, and it is not good for Hawai'i.

Aloha,

Laulani Teale, MPH

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The point here is that no apparent short term gain can possibly be worth the potential risks and long term problems with these kinds of unknowns - particularly in regards to our food supply.

Our collective need for a more abundant food supply, easier transportation and more energy have led us to the environmental situation in which we now find ourselves: impure air, impure water and food that has lost its nutritive value.

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I am a teacher with the Department of Education. In preparation to teach the novel Frankenstein to seniors at Mililani High School, we are researching the GMO Taro issue. As a rule, I do not like to take sides on an issue my students are discussing, even if I keep that side private from the students. I am not submitting testimony to HB 1663. However, I cannot stop myself from responding to this radical bill. Why in the world would we give up our right to oversight and transparency in GMO activities? I cannot imagine many are taking this bill seriously, but I must speak in case some are.

Thank you,
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my name is diane wong

I own and operate a family day care on the island of O'ahu. I feed my keiki 2 meals and 2 snacks per day. I have infants whom are eating solid food for the first time. Poi is usually their first food. I want to be assured that they poi they are eating is from non-GMO kalo. I do not want anything that is not natural in their tiny bodies, Help me to feed my keiki pure produce and not food manufactured in a lab. Don't mess with the best.....pure kalo

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My name is Jeffrey Smith and I am the author of the international bestseller *Seeds of Deception and Genetic Roulette*, and I am the executive director of the Institute for Responsible Technology. I am speaking against the preemption bill.

The pre-emption bill is a thinly cloaked attempt to concentrate the power of decision-making about GMOs into bodies where the biotech industry believes it can exert more control. This is the antithesis of democracy, where individuals, towns and counties lose control over significant decisions affecting their health, environment and economy.

The usurpation of power doesn't stop at the state. The biotech industry has tried more than once to eliminate states' powers to legislate on seeds or labeling, by pre-empting it to federal decision-making only. And it doesn't stop there. When countries other than the US have passed laws that interfere with the industry's plans, they resort to the World Trade Organization, which usurps even national sovereignty and places the responsibility in the hands of a few unelected business people.

One problem with this legislation is that it creates a mismatch between the jurisdiction with the power to legislate over GMOs and jurisdiction and locales which are impacted by the decisions.

Value-added regions

In farming, for example, there is a trend towards replacing low-cost commodities with value-added products. These higher priced crops are sometimes only made economical when grown in sufficient acreage to justify the development of storage, shipping and marketing channels. So farmers around the US at various times will organize into areas where a particular crop is grown. All can use the same collection and distribution channel. Certain crops will lose their premium value if other varieties mix or cross-pollinate with them. This same model has worked for traits unrelated to GMOs, as well as for GM-free zones. It is a valid business model and should not be preempted by state legislatures.

Protection from costly contamination

If certain regions had organized to be GM free zones in the past, it would have saved them huge losses due to contamination. For example, in 1999, a handful of Iowa's farmers started planting a genetically modified variety of corn called StarLink, which was approved for animal consumption but not for humans. Keeping corn varieties separated can be difficult or impossible and StarLink got into the food supply. In 2000, more than 300 food brands were recalled, foreign corn markets canceled orders, and corn prices plummeted. All this from a seed variety planted to less than 1 percent of corn acreage. The total price tag was estimated at about \$1 billion and the region hit the worst was Iowa, with half the corn contaminated.

In 1999, if farmers in a particular country or region had been aware that StarLink was about to be introduced, that it had the potential for such destruction, and that state and federal officials were not

regulating it properly, they could have taken steps to protect their area.

Similarly, GM rice escaped from field trials and cost as much as \$1 billion for the US rice industry. If a region had declared itself GM-free, it might have averted losses.

Today counties in Hawaii have the option to prevent future StarLink and GM Rice-type catastrophes. But if you pass this pre-emption legislation, they will not. At the same time, neither the state nor the federal government are taking the necessary steps to protect farmers from the losses associated with GM contamination.

GM-free zones are the trend

Nearly 4,500 jurisdictions in Europe have passed bills or resolutions to declare themselves GM free zones, as have parts of New Zealand, most states in Australia, Venezuela, Angola, Sudan, Zambia and parts of Brazil. Nearly 100 New England towns have passed GM-free zone resolutions, and three counties in California are now GM free. Last month, Luxemborg was declared GM-free, the Georgian president committed to become a GM free country, and the agriculture minister of Germany predicted that Germany would be GM free. Jurisdictions have done this for a variety of reasons: to protect the region's agriculture, environment, economy, and private property from genetic contamination from genetically modified organisms.

There have also been crop-specific bans, such as the coffee and taro ban on the Big Island. The US wheat industry, similarly forced the biotech industry to declare North America as free from all GM wheat. A University of Iowa economist predicted that if any GM wheat were introduced, there would be a 30 to 50% loss in U.S. wheat export markets.

The Non-GM market is a viable and strong market with premium prices.

- In 2001, the Wall Street Journal estimated the total value of the non-GMO market at \$7.8 billion. It's probably higher now.
- The main non-GMO markets are Europe, Japan, and South Korea. US and Canadian grain suppliers sell a lot of non-GMO soy to those two regions at premium prices.
- Japan buys more than 1 million metric tons of food-grade non-GMO soybeans each year from the US, Canada, and China.
- China has designated an entire state to producing non-GMO soy because the demand is so strong worldwide.
- Several major retailers in the US including Whole Foods and Trader Joe's have established a policy to exclude GM ingredients in their brand name products, and many more are cleaning out remaining GMOs this year.

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Aloha from Lahaina,

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Please ensure by your vote that the voices of the communities continue to govern in Hawaii, and please remember that it was the voices of the community, through votes, that elected you.

Believe it or not, this issue of GMO's in Hawaii has profound implications for the health of our children, as well as our own. There are stories out of Molokai about the deteriorating health of people living near and working with the GMO corn crops there. I, myself, have seen huge piles of harvested corn sitting in a field above Ka'anapali for extended periods of time without being consumed by any birds or insects or rats. Even they know better than to eat it. We need to investigate this issue right here, locally.

Please let us who live here retain our ability to control our personal and community safety through local regulations, especially regulations to control the growth of GMO's in Hawaii.

Remember: If it ain't broke, don't fix it!

Mahalo for considering my mana'o,
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By law, these biotech corporations are self-regulating, reporting to federal agencies that haven't had the funding or support to enforce federal law. Our environment and health of our people have been put in harm's way as a result.

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Mahalo for your support,

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And above all never give away home rule.

Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono

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What we should actually concentrate on is the over-population situation in our Islands, our communities and awareness of conservation, as well as educating the younger generations on sustainability. All of this leads or relates to the reason why the scientists concentrate their efforts on GMO.

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Will you cede your's, mine and everyones' sovereignty to hold title to food crops and seed to the 'business' interests served by this bill?

What legacy will you leave this world?

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We know of no precedent for such an exemption and find the very request to be frightening, overweening and suspicious.

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LIMITATIONS OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGES

Section 21. The power of the State to act in the general welfare shall never be impaired by the making of any irrevocable grant of special privileges or immunities. [Ren and am Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]

Thank you for your attention and for your work.

With aloha,

Beryl and Gary Blaich

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Aloha,

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Since I first learned of GMO foods back in the 1990's I have not supported the technology. The best technology for food is earth, seed, water. No playing god and changing the cells.

Please honor our request to eat true, healthy, non-tampered with food. Please protect our very precious and fragile island home.

Please vote no on HB1226.

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This bill threatens a lot more than our right to choose GMOs as the path for Hawaii.

The federal government has proven itself incapable of adequately regulating GM crops, as evidenced by scores of contamination episodes. Thus, state and county officials must retain their authority to set stricter standards than lax and unreliable federal regulators. This applies particularly to GM plants engineered to produce potentially hazardous, experimental pharmaceuticals, many of which have been grown in Hawaii.

If this dangerous bill is passed Hawaii would be entirely dependent on the federal FDA's questionable and dangerous safety protocols and regulations-- all of which were designed by the biotech industry itself.

You may remember last year when the biotech industry along with Reps. Calvin Say & Cliff Tsuji, tried to turn SB958, a bill to stop GMO-taro for 10 years into a preemption bill. They added amendments to the bill that would not allow the county or state to regulate ANY other biotech activities in Hawaii, in exchange for allowing the GMO moratorium on only Hawaiian taro. That industry effort to change the bill by slipping in such controversial amendments killed the bill, as taro farmers found it unwise to allow any industry to go unregulated at the state level and were able to stop the poisoned bill from turning into law.

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The community must be allowed to make an informed decision about all biotech products, activities and agriculture in Hawaii.

We have a right to voice our concerns in Hawaii, and a right to act on what we see fit for our islands and in our communities. GMOs and the risks they pose to consumers, the environment, and the economy MUST be examined closely, and to pass a pre-emptive bill eliminating the choice of the citizens of Hawaii to ensure that this happen is unthinkable. Will we let biotech companies turn our leaders into puppets, and our citizens into guinea pigs?

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Protect our Economy and Heritage:

GMO seeds are also patented and owned by large multi-national corporations. GMOs rob farmers of their rights to practice the age-old technique of saving seeds or trading propagative plant materials.

In a recent PEW study 9 out of 10 citizens in America stated that they would like to see GMOs labeled. We deserve the right to choose whether we grow or eat GMOs.

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Sincerely,

Sarah Sullivan
Hawaii SEED

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